Leonard Reuben Wells

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February 23rd, 1914

R. W. Leonard, Esq.,

Transcontinental Railway Commission,

Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Leonard:

Next June the two years will have elapsed for which you promised to provide the salary for a lecturer in Chemical Metallurgy in Guess' department. We are, I am afraid, in just as serious a condition financially, in fact perhaps more so, than we were two years ago, and we are now wondering what arrangements we are to make for next year. Will it be possible for you to continue your support of this position? I know that you have very large demands made upon your generosity. I can assure you, however, that Guess is strong in his commendation of what Bishop has done during the last two years, and is just as desirous as he was two years ago to have the position maintained.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO February 28th 1914

Dr. Robert A. Falconer,

President University Toronto,

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Dr. Falconer:-

I beg to acknowledge yours of the 23rd inst., asking me to continue the provision for a lecturer in Chemical Metallurgy. As you truly say I have a number of very large demands for such purposes at present, and the tendency just now of governments to inferfere at the instigation of labor unions is becoming really serious.

Before deciding on this matter I prefer to await result of Workmen's Compensation Bill;- not that this alone would largely influence my decision in this particular matter, but this in conjunction with other laws recently passed and many other undertakings which I have on hand, is the reason for my hesitation.

Yours sincerely,

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R. W. Leonard

March 2nd, 1914

R. W. Leonard, Esq.,

St. Catharines, Ont.

Dear Mr. Leonard:

I have your letter of February 28 this morning. I am sorry that you are not in a position at present to give any definite promise as to the continuance of your support of the lecturer in Chemical Metallurgy, though I do not need to assure you that we are very grateful for the help that you have given us during the last two years. If you find it possible to continue your gift we shall of course be very much pleased. It will be necessary for us soon to know what steps we can take with regard to filling the place next year. We are to present our case to the Government very soon, and as you know, it is serious, but what action they may take in the matter one cannot foretell. We must make our case as strong as possible, and try to show them that we are endeavouring to keep a university of the first rank going on not more than half the funds that the State provides for other Universities on this continent that are undertaking the same work.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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March 27th, 1914

R. W. Leonard, Esq.,

St. Catharines, Ont.

Dear Mr. Leonard:

Mr. Bishop of the Department of Metallurgy is asking whether there is any likelihood of his being reappointed to the position in Chemical Metallurgy during the coming year as he wishes to make arrangements. I brought the matter up yesterday at the meeting of the Board of Governors, but unfortunately they did not find themselves in a position to give Mr. Bishop a definite answer.

Last Tuesday a committee of the Board of Governors spent over an hour with the Cabinet presenting the financial condition of the University, which is very serious. We are also, I believe, to bring it before a committee of the House in the not very distant future. From present appearances I judge that during the next year it would be necessary for us to work our way along pretty much as we are, and that the Government will not likely allow us to make any special developments. However, the whole question of finances has to be settled on a larger scale, if not now, at least next year, when the other Universities also will I believe be considered, but I hope that in two years' time we may be on a much better basis than to-day.

I wonder whether you could find it possible to continue supporting a lecturer in Metallurgy for the next two years. Let me assure you that the Governors are grateful for your support in the past. Also, I know that you have very heavy demands upon you, but if you can do

this for us I believe that it will tide us over a period when we are in very shallow waters.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 7th, 1914

R. W. Leonard, Esq.,

Springbank,

St. Catharines.

Dear Mr. Leonard:

Many thanks for your letter promising to continue your contribution to the Department of Metallurgy for the ensuing year. I know that the Governors will be deeply grateful to you for your continued generosity.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.